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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: TORTURE ALLEGATIONS MADE AT NKANDI TRIAL

REF: PRETORIA 5798,

1. SECOND WEEK OF ALLEGED SWAPO MEMBER VICTOR NKANDI'S TRIAL IN NAMIBIAN SUPREME COURT ENDED NOV. 3. (NKANDI HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH PARTICIPATION IN 1975 KILLING OF OVAMBO CHIEF MINISTER FILEMON ELIFAS PLUS OFFENSES UNDER TERRORISM ACT.) STATE CALLED THREE ADDITIONAL WITNESSES TO ESTABLISH RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NKANDI AND VEHICLE USED TO TRANSPORT UNKNOWN KILLERS OF ELIFAS FROM ANGOLA TO OVAMBO. CROSS-EXAMINATION BY DEFENSE ADVOCATE DAVID SOGGOT BROUGHT FORTH ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE OF STATE WITNESSES. ELIZABETH NUMUNJEO CLAIMED THAT SHE

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WAS DETAINED IN SOLITARY FOR SIX MONTHS AND HAD BEEN INTERROGATED BY TEAMS OF POLICEMEN FOR EIGHT DAYS AND NIGHTS WITHOUT SLEEP. ELISE KADHILA, EMPLOYEE OF NICODEMUS MWAHI (SEE REFTEL) ASSERTED THAT DURING HER FOUR MONTH DETENTION IN A MILITARY CAMP IN OVAMBO, SHE WAS GIVEN ELECTRICAL SHOCKS FOR 15 MINUTES WHILE STANDING BLIND-FOLDED AND TIED TO TWO PIECES OF IRON AGAINST THE WALL.

(DEFENSE COUNSEL TOLD EMBOFF THAT CAMP IN QUESTION IS OSHAKATI AND NOTED THAT THERE ARE WIDESPREAD REPORTS OF SYSTEMATIC TORTURING OF PRISONERS AT OHANGO AND EENANA MILITARY CAMPS AS WELL.)

2. NAMIBIAN ATTORNEY-GENERAL LATEGAN TOLD EMBOFF THAT PRIOR TO CLOSING STATE CASE, STATE WISHES TO SUBMIT TO COURT STATEMENT MADE BY NKANDI WHILE IN DETENTION. STATEMENT WAS TAKEN UNDER NOW RESCINDED REGULATION 17 AND COURT HAS REQUESTED THAT FULL LEGAL ARGUMENT ON ADMISSIBILITY OF STATEMENT BE HEARD NOV. 8.  
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